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Happy Birthday Centennial!

The City of Centennial will be celebrating its 10th year throughout 2011. On February 7, 2001, the City of Centennial was legally established as a Colorado city. Visit www.centennialcolorado.com throughout the year to learn more about how we're celebrating!



2009 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE ADOPTION OPEN HOUSE

The public is invited to attend an open house on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 to learn about the adoption of the 2009 International Building Code. The open house is scheduled from noon to 3 p.m. at the Centennial Civic Center located at 13133 E. Arapahoe Rd.

CENTENNIAL RANKS SAFEST CITY IN COLORADO FOR 6TH YEAR



For the sixth consecutive year, Centennial is ranked as the safest city in Colorado with a population of more than 75,000 and ranks 23rd out of 400 cities nationwide. These results were announced by CQ Press in the release of its annual publication *City Crime Rankings 2010-2011: Crime in Metropolitan America*.

"I am proud that Centennial has once again made the list as the safest city in Colorado. Thank you to our Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office for continuing to keep all of us safe," said Mayor Cathy Noon. "I feel very fortunate to be a part of such a great community."

Other Colorado cities and their rankings include Arvada (65), Longmont (72), Boulder (105), Westminster (107), Thornton (138), Fort Collins (141), Greeley (154), Lakewood (211), Colorado Springs (226), Aurora (230) and Denver (260).

The crime rate rankings of the cities and metropolitan areas are calculated using six crime categories: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, and motor vehicle theft. These categories have been used for determining city crime rate ratings since 1999. The rankings include all cities of at least 75,000 residents that reported crime data to the FBI in these categories.

City Crime Rankings is one of five annual reference books published by CQ Press that analyze and rank states and cities in various categories.

Centennial Receives Grant Funds

Centennial remains dedicated to the pursuit of grant funds and is currently utilizing more than \$4.5 million in awarded grants for a variety of projects, including multiple capital improvements, energy efficiency upgrades, and public safety enhancements.

The City has received grants from a variety of sources, such as the Denver Regional Council of Government (DRCOG), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Department of Justice, Regional Transportation District, Great Outdoors Colorado, and Arapahoe County.

Centennial's dedication to maintaining and improving its infrastructure is reflected by the number of grant funded capital projects currently underway or being planned in the City. More than \$1.1 million in grant funds were received from DRCOG for the reconstruction of Arapahoe Rd. east of Holly St. to just west of Krameria St. This project is currently in the design phase and expected to be bid in February.

Nearly \$500,000 of street, sidewalk, and street sign improvements are being implemented in the Vista Verdes neighborhood, funded by HUD's Community Development Block Grant program. Other grant funded capital projects include investing \$2 million from multiple grant sources in modernizing Centennial's traffic signal communications systems, improving its trails, and designing/constructing the Centennial Civic Center Park.

Additional grant projects include \$922,900 of DOE Energy Efficiency Block grants on several projects, including installing LED lights on every City operated traffic signal, an energy audit of the City's Civic Center and subsequent energy saving upgrades such as the purchase of paperless plan review equipment.

The City is using more than \$94,000 in DRCOG Federal Transit Authority New Freedom Accessibility grant to replace all of the City's bus benches and improve padding for bus benches where necessary.

CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES SHIFTING FOR SOME RESIDENTS

The City Council has approved an ordinance Redistricting, or redrawing the boundary lines, of the Centennial City Council districts. The City Council approved Option One at its meeting December 6, 2010. These changes will be effective January 9, 2011.

The selected option will:

A. Move Dream House Acres, Cherry Hills Manor/Crestview, Kings Point, Hanover Place and Arapahoe Estates to District 1 (*previously District 2*)

B. Move the Homestead neighborhood to District 2 (*previously District 3*)

C. Move the KB/Berkley Homes area into District 3 (*previously District 4*)

D. Move the Greenfield neighborhood to District 3 (*previously District 4*)

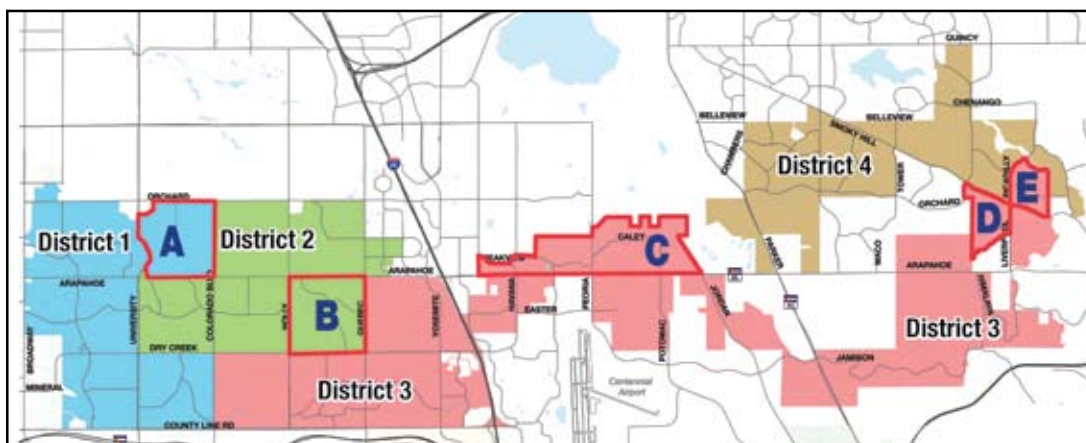
E. Move the Parkborough and Stonebridge neighborhoods into District 3 (*previously District 4*)

The Centennial Home Rule Charter requires the number of registered voters, rather than population, be considered for the redistricting process. Redistricting typically occurs when

the difference between the highest and lowest number of voters in a district is more than 10%. Currently, the difference is 23% in Centennial between Districts 1 and 4.

The Centennial Election Commission met for several months to create three redistricting options that were presented to Council and the public for feedback.

The outlined sections on the map show the areas affected by this redistricting.



City Planning First Roundabout at Peakview and Peoria

In 2010, the Centennial City Council approved funding for the design and construction of the City's first roundabout at the intersection of Peakview Ave. and Peoria St. Since then, concept plans and models of the intersection have been under consideration to determine the most appropriate layout of the roundabout for this location.

Roundabouts, also known as rotaries, are common in Europe and are gaining popularity in the U.S. Recently, several Colorado cities and the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) have been constructing roundabouts at intersections where traffic signals and stops signs do not offer the best way to keep traffic moving and minimize delays.

The advantage of a roundabout is traffic moves continuously through the intersection, reducing stopping time and backups at signals and stop signs. Roundabouts save energy by virtually eliminating idling time at intersections and the related fuel consumption. It is estimated that the Peakview/Peoria roundabout will save 10,000 – 15,000 gallons of fuel annually. In addition, traffic accidents that occur in roundabouts are less severe than those at intersections, usually involving low-speed sideswipe collisions rather than more serious t-bone collisions, which are much more prone to injury accidents.

The proposed location for the Centennial roundabout is being considered because of the long delays and difficult through movement for traffic on Peakview Ave. A unique consideration with this location is the extent of truck traffic going to warehouse and light industrial uses in the neighboring subdivision.

The project will accommodate future increases in traffic volumes as the City's industrial park area develops and traffic volumes continue to increase on Arapahoe Rd., one block to the south.



The City's design consultant, SEH, Inc. is now studying various layouts and conducting computer modeling of truck movements for a number of alternative configurations.

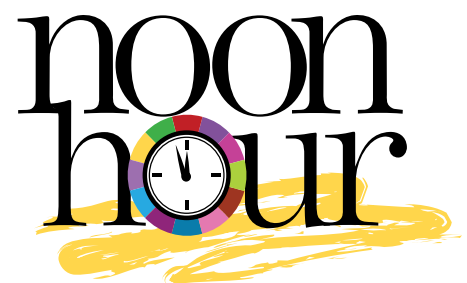
The engineering and design is expected to be completed this winter and construction is planned in the spring of 2011.

Names are a Changin'

Throughout the last few years, the Planning and Development Department has transitioned to manage more diverse community programs. Therefore to encompass more of what the department does, the Planning and Development Department is now called the Department of Community Development.

The following divisions are part of the department of Community Development and provide the following services to the community of Centennial:

- Animal Services
- Building
- Current Planning
- Engineering
- Long Range and Open Space Planning
- Code Compliance (formerly Code Enforcement)



Every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mayor Cathy Noon is at the Centennial Civic Center to speak with Centennial citizens about ideas, concerns, questions— just about anything that's on your mind. Stop by and say hello!



CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS NEW LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

On April 19, 2010, City Council adopted a new Land Development Code (LDC). The new Code will replace an outdated Arapahoe County LDC that was adopted when the City was formed in 2001. While the old code served the needs of the City throughout the last 10 years, it was not reflective of the desires of City Council and the community.

The new LDC includes provisions for protecting and enhancing the character of existing neighborhoods, while making it easier for homeowners to improve their properties without expensive and time consuming processes. This new code ensures that if any commercial development is built adjacent to your neighborhood it is compatible and respectful to your neighborhood.

In 2011, the Community Development Department will be implementing the new code. This includes adoption of a new zoning map for the City.

In order to explain how the new code will be applied several open house meetings are scheduled in March. In addition staff will be attending the Centennial Council of Neighborhoods (CenCON) meetings in January, February and March. These meetings provide homeowners an opportunity to discuss the proposed zoning with City staff.

Upcoming CenCON meetings are at the Arapahoe Library Administration Building located at 12855 E. Adams Aircraft Circle in Centennial on:

Monday, January 24, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Monday, February 28, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Monday, March 28, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming Open House meetings will be at the Centennial Civic Center located at 13133 E. Arapahoe Rd on:

Wednesday, March 16, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 26, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 31, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

As a homeowner and resident in the City, you are encouraged to attend these meetings. Questions from individual HOAs may be directed to the planner assigned to your Council District.

City Planners Contact Information:

District 1 – Jeff Brasel, 303-754-3356,

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For information on the LDC rewrite project or to view the new LDC please visit our website at www.centennialcodeupdate.com, or contact Rita McConnell, Deputy Director of Community Development at rmcconnell@centennialcolorado.com or 303-754-3378.

Transportation Master Plan Update

The City of Centennial's Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is currently being developed. When finished this plan will be a guide for the future multi-modal transportation needs of the community. We are looking for input! Please contribute your ideas by visiting the TMP Web site at www.centennialcolorado.com/transportationplan or from the City's home page at www.centennialcolorado.com and follow the links for the Transportation Master Plan.



City Announces 2011 Annual Budgets

On November 15th, the 2010 Revised / 2011 Annual Budgets were approved by City Council. The 2010 Revised / 2011 Annual Budgets are balanced and provide the legal basis for the City to appropriate funds and spend money.

Revenues

Based on increasing trends and other known anomalies, 2010 revenues increased from \$52.5 million to \$55.1 million. There are several factors that contribute to the 2010 increase, including the receipt of one-time grant revenues, a substantial Building Materials Use Tax payment for a major construction project in the City, and additional retail openings at The Streets at SouthGlenn.

Revenue estimates for the 2011 budget factored out one-time revenues, resulting in projections of \$52.4 million, which is similar to the 2010 adopted revenue budget. Although the City is experiencing better than anticipated revenues, the City remains cautiously optimistic going into 2011.

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the City and from a revenue perspective the General Fund represents 88.0% of the City's total revenue sources. 2011 budgeted revenues for the General Fund are expected to increase from the 2010 Adopted Budget by \$3.0 million (6.8%). This increase is due to a projected increase in sales tax and state collected locally shared FASTER (Funding Advancement for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery) revenues, and is partially offset by a decline in one-time grant revenue, automobile use tax and pavement degradation fees.

Expenditures

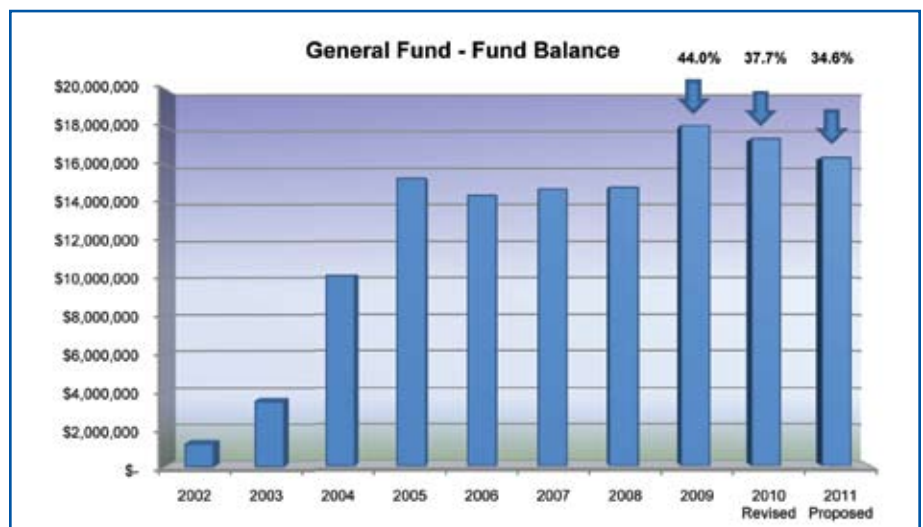
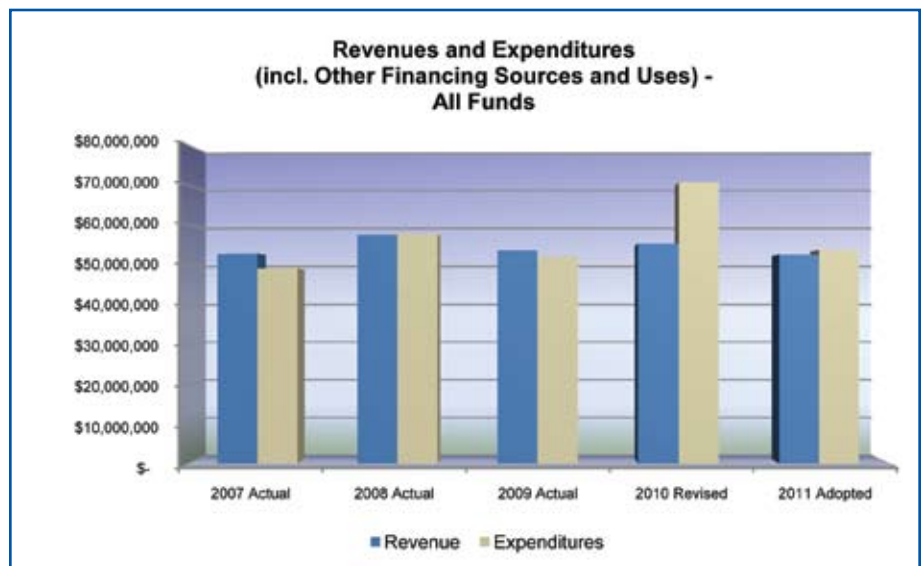
2010 expenditures and other financing uses for all funds are revised from \$54.3 million to \$70.6 million. The \$16.3 million increase includes the use of reserve funds for capital projects, including one-time open space and trail projects either planned for and/or in progress.

The 2011 budget includes restoring all contracts to the 2011 prescribed levels, adding four full time equivalent positions, inclusion of a 2% performance based salary increase and an additional \$1.0 million toward the City's capital improvement programming. 2011 expenditures and other financing uses for all funds are budgeted at \$53.6 million, which is a reduction of \$0.7 million (1.2%) from the 2010 Adopted Budget.

General Fund expenditures, including transfers, are expected to increase from the 2010 Adopted Budget by \$3.6 million (8.3%), due to restoring some public works related programs that were provided in 2010 at a reduced level such as street sweeping, pothole repair, striping, etc. City Council's direction is to include an additional \$1.0 million towards maintenance and improvements on the City streets for 2011.

Fund Balance

A healthy fund balance is important to the fiscal strength of the City. It is the City's policy to maintain a fund balance for the General Fund equal to at least 25% of General Fund expenditures and other financing uses. The City anticipates the 2011 ending fund balance for the General Fund to be \$16.4 million (34.6%) of expenditures and other financing uses.





TRANSITION OF COYOTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

After two years of public outreach about how to live with coyotes, the City of Centennial will no longer have a Coyote Management Technician on staff. This program was created due to citizen concern for public safety. Throughout the last two years, Centennial has focused on public outreach and raising awareness of how to live with coyotes and respond to coyote conflicts.

As of January 1, residents should contact Centennial's Animal Services Division to report coyote sightings, observations, encounters and incidents. Animal Welfare Officers will complete a Coyote Incident Report based upon a caller's experience in order to maintain regular reporting. The City will use this information to provide a quarterly map to illustrate the location of sightings, observations, encounters and incidents as has been done for the past two years.

Citizens may direct questions and/or concerns about wildlife as follows:

Centennial Animal Services

phone: **303-325-8070**

– For wildlife sightings, observations, encounters and incidents

Colorado Division of Wildlife

phone: **303-291-7227**

– for a human safety concerns caused by wildlife

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office

phone: **303-795-4711** or **911**

– for an emergency

To view frequently asked questions, resources and learn how to coexist with coyotes, visit the "Living with Wildlife" section of the City's Web site at <http://www.centennialcolorado.com>.

Help Your Neighbors and Your Family Stay Safe

The City of Centennial is asking residents to help keep alleys, streets and sidewalks free of debris. It is important that these areas remain clear and easily accessible for all.

Sidewalk obstructions and hazards to pedestrians need to be removed such as:

- overgrown shrubs and bushes,
- mud and gravel,
- vehicles parked on, or extending over, the sidewalk from driveways,
- bicycles, riding toys and other toys,
- power cords,
- garbage cans and trash bags,
- Tree branches need to be trimmed so they are at least seven feet above the sidewalk and do not obstruct a driver's view of traffic control devices.
- House-for-sale, garage sale and yard sale signs are not allowed in the street right-of-way and need to be located on your property.

In the event a property owner fails to properly maintain his or her adjoining street right-of-way, you may notify the City of Centennial at 303-325-8000 or www.centennialcolorado.com.

Hire Only Licensed and Bonded Contractors

At times, we may be tempted to hire a contractor based on cost or to forego the required permits for a project. Work completed without required permits and licenses can, and often does, lead to costing more money and wasting time.

Licenses, bonds and permits are for YOUR Protection. This includes any work done in your home or even the sewer connection in the street in front of your house.

Before you have a contractor begin work on any project, ask that copies of their licenses and bonds be provided. Licenses can be verified on the City's Web site or by calling the City at 303-325-8000. Permits are required to be on the job site at all times.

If a contractor cannot show you a copy of the permit, they should not be allowed to perform any work.



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Susie Ellis

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Community Planning & Development General Info.

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Inspections Hotline

303-708-1430

Municipal Court

303-754-3380

courtinfo@centennialcolorado.com

Public Works Service Requests

303-325-8000 or online at

centennialcolorado.com (Citizen Response button)

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911

Sheriff (Non-emergency) Report Crime or Graffiti

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SIGN UP FOR INFORMATION

Emergency Notification

www.ArapahoeSheriff.org

City News - e-News Sign Up

www.centennialcolorado.com

DISTRICT MEETINGS SCHEDULE

District 2 Meeting

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Koelbel Library

5955 S. Holly St

To find out which Council District you live in and to confirm these meeting dates visit our Web site at www.centennialcolorado.com.

WINTER MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS AND GUTTERS WITHIN THE CITY OF CENTENNIAL

The City of Centennial's Snow and Ice Plan helps direct our limited resources to address those conditions and circumstances that best serve the greatest population within our community. The City of Centennial's primary focus during the winter snow season is to keep the main arterials and collector streets throughout the City travel safe.

Due to limited funding and resources, it is simply not possible to clear ice and snow from the approximately 800 miles of sidewalks or the residential streets throughout the City. The City depends on neighbor to neighbor cooperation, asking residents and businesses to voluntarily assist by shoveling the walks directly in front of their property or adjacent to their property within 24 hours after the snowstorm ends.

As is the case for sidewalk snow removal, funding is not available to remove ice from the gutters and sidewalks. Residents should shovel the snow from driveways and sidewalks onto their yards and not into the street where it can melt, refreeze and cause problems in the future. Clearing snow from gutter areas that are on the south side of a street and are shaded by a house or evergreen tree will help reduce ice build-up problems.

Centennial Public Works crews plow streets in the following order:

- Priority 1 roadways- major arterial streets, streets with four or more travel lanes and streets that provide access for fire stations, the Sheriff's Office and hospitals.
- Priority 2 roadways– minor arterial and major collector streets that connect major arterial streets to residential streets, including school zones, major office areas and larger retail establishments.

The complete Snow and Ice Plan can be found on the City's website at: <http://www.centennialcolorado.com/index.aspx?NID=396>

**Questions? Call 303-325-8000
or visit www.centennialcolorado.com**